

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2011-228-C - ORDER NO. 2011-482  
JULY 20, 2011

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,	)	ORDER GRANTING
Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina Requesting	)	NANPA NXX RELIEF
the Commission's Intervention in Numbering	)	
Resources Determination in the Pendleton	)	
Rate Center	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T" or the "Company") for Review of the North American Numbering Plan Administration ("NANPA") and/or the Pooling Administrator ("PA") central office code numbering resources in the 864 area code. According to AT&T, on May 25, 2011, AT&T submitted a Pooling Administration System request for the assignment of one thousands-blocks in the 864 NPA (Number Plan Area) to accommodate the request of its customer Milliken & Company for a contiguous block of 100 telephone numbers for direct inward dial services to accommodate growth at its manufacturing facility in Pendleton, South Carolina. Milliken & Company specified that the last 3 digits must be 2XX, 4XX, 5XX or 6XX to be compliant with the customer's existing dial plan. In order to meet the customer's request, AT&T requested the assignment of one thousands-blocks in the 864 NPA, specifically 864-502-5XXX; 6XXX; or 9XXX. NANPA or the PA refused to provide the requested numbering

resources because the Pendleton Rate Center fails to meet the rate center based months-to-exhaust (“MTE”) and utilization criteria set forth in the Industry Numbering Committee (“INC”) Guidelines.

AT&T petitions the Commission to reverse NANPA’s and/or the PA’s decision. AT&T states that it does not have the resources in the Pendleton Rate Center necessary to serve the needs of its customer, and that if it is not assigned the numbering resources necessary to satisfy the customer’s request, it will be unable to provide the requested telecommunications services. Although AT&T fails to meet the FCC’s requirements, the FCC maintains a policy that “under no circumstances should customers be precluded from receiving telecommunications services of their choice from providers of their choice for want of numbering resources.” FCC 000-429 at ¶ 61. To this end, the FCC allows carriers to challenge a NANPA and/or PA decision at the appropriate state regulatory commission. States may grant relief “if a carrier demonstrates that it has received a request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory.” FCC 01-362 at ¶ 64.

We find that the South Carolina Public Service Commission, as the regulator of the rates and service of telecommunications companies under the authority of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-210 et seq., has the authority under both the FCC’s rules and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines to review a decision by NANPA and/or the PA denying a request for numbering resources. We further find that AT&T has demonstrated receipt of a customer request for numbering resources in the Pendleton Rate Center that it cannot meet with its current inventory. It is our opinion that these

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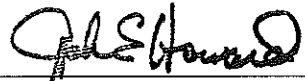
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additional numbering resources are necessary for AT&T to provide this customer with its required telecommunications service. Consequently, we hold that NANPA and/or PA is directed to approve AT&T's requested assignment of one thousands-blocks in the 864 NPA, specifically 864-502-5XXX; 6XXX; or 9XXX.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

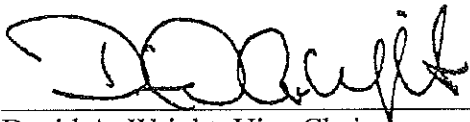
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



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David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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